

# Missouri Voter Information

## Voting Instructions

- Show one of the forms of acceptable identification (see below) and sign the poll book to obtain your ballot.
- Mark your ballot *individually for each candidate* you choose – Missouri no longer allows the “straight party” ticket option.
- If you make an error that you are unable to correct *before* you cast your ballot, ask an election judge for a new ballot. Your old ballot will be “spoiled” and will not be counted.
- Ask the election judges if you have any questions or concerns.

## Acceptable Forms of Voter Identification\*

All voters, including first-time voters who registered by mail, will need to show **ONLY ONE** of the following forms of identification:

- Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state;
- Identification issued by the United States government or agency thereof;
- Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located within the state of Missouri;
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter;
- Driver’s license or state identification card issued by another state.

If you do not possess any of these forms of identification, you may still cast a ballot if two supervising election judges, one from each major political party, attest they know you.

*\*Pursuant to Section 115.427, RSMO Supp. 2006*

## Voting Equipment

Know how to properly use your voting equipment and cast your ballot:

- Ask for a demonstration or assistance from an election judge if you need additional instructions.
- Read the instructions posted in your polling place.
- **Second Chance Voting:** If you accidentally over-mark your ballot (mark more candidates for a race than to be elected), you will have the opportunity to correct your ballot.

## Change of Address

If you moved within this jurisdiction, you must update your registration. If you have not updated it prior to Election Day, you will be directed to your new polling place or a location designated by your election authority where you can update your registration records and vote.

## Absentee Voting

You may vote absentee for the following reasons: absence on Election Day; incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability; religious belief or practice; employment as an election authority or an election judge at a location other than your polling place; or incarceration (provided voting rights are retained).

If you registered by mail and are voting absentee the first time you vote, you must provide a copy of acceptable identification with your application for an absentee ballot.

## Accessible Voting

Ask for assistance from an election judge if you have any physical disability which hinders your ability to independently vote your ballot. You may cast your ballot on an accessible voting system (i.e. equipped with an audio ballot); request curbside voting; obtain assistance from a person of your choice; or ask for relocation to a more accessible polling location if needed due to a disability.

## Protecting Your Right to Vote

Violating election laws can jeopardize your right to vote. The following actions are violations of election laws and are subject to fines and/or imprisonment and/or loss of your right to vote:

- Making or accepting bribes to influence voters to vote either for or against candidates or ballot measures.
- Using threats, violence or force to influence someone’s vote.
- Falsifying voter registration information.
- Voting more than one time at any election.
- Electioneering within twenty-five feet from the outside entrance of a polling location.

## Provisional Voting

If your name is not on the precinct register (poll book), the following actions may be taken:

- Election judges will call the central election office to verify your registration. If you are at the wrong polling place, you will be directed to the correct location.
- If your registration cannot be confirmed after contacting the central election office, you can vote a provisional ballot, which will only be counted if you are later found to be an eligible voter at that polling place.

## Election Facts

- **Polling Place Hours** – Polls are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Election Day.
- **Primaries** – August primary elections are for political parties to nominate their general election candidates. Missourians don’t register by party, but you must choose one party’s ballot when voting in a primary, or choose to vote an “issues only” ballot (which will not include ANY candidates).
- **General Elections** – General elections are those in which you elect candidates to offices. The general election is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- **Presidential Elections** – When you cast a vote for President and Vice-President, you are voting for presidential electors. The electors whose candidates get the most votes go on to cast their electoral votes through the Electoral College, which elects the President and Vice-President.

Make your vote count! Contact your local election authority if you have any questions about voting.

**You have the right to expect a free and fair election. If you feel your voting rights have been violated, contact the Office of the Secretary of State at 800-NOW-VOTE.**

*This poster is in compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and Section 115.417, RSMo. 2005.*